WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Guidelines for dealing cases, of evasion of Central Excise Duty

*205. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Central Board of Excise and Customs prosecutions in excise evasion cases are normally launched immediately after adjudication proceedings are completed particularly of cigarette companies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not launching prosecutions against M/s. ITC Limited and their Directors where adjudication was completed by the Director General of Inspection, New Delhi in April, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Prosecutions are normally launched after completion of adjudication proceedings having regard to all the relevant factors; there are no special provisions for the cases of cigarette companies.

(b) A decision to launch prosecution against ITC has been taken. However, implementation of this decision has been delayed on account of certain legal issues not being resolved so far, relating to determination of courts of competent jurisdiction and the persons to be prosecuted besides the company. These matters are being pursued actively.

Comprehensive Plant to check Population growth

*206. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 18th August, 1991, regarding comprehensive plan to check population growth;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan;

(c) whether the State Governments will be provided additional grants for implementing the proposed family planning programmes; and

(d) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House .

Statement

The salient features of the comprehensive plan to check the population growth include improvement of the quality and out-reach of Family Welfare services, renewed emphasis on reduction of infant, child and maternal mortality through Universal Immunization Programme and Maternal and Child Health Care activities, greater participation of the community in the Family Welfare Programme, closer involvement of voluntary agencies and non-governmental organisation in Family Welfare activities and increasing the information, education and communication inputs for motivation of the people and for bringing about attitudinal changes for their participation in the programme.

While the Government have already undertaken Area Development Projects to strengthen the infrastructure and training of poor performing States/Districts, the emphasis is on the consolidation of the existing assets and optimisation of their utilisation.

Capital invested by top Industrial Houses

*207. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of top 20 Industrial houses including their growth percentage during the last three years; ;

(b) whether any of the above groups were found mismanaging their units, or manipulating markets in their favour;

(c) what is the total capital invested by these 20 houses and what is the turnover on capital and net profit on turn over and capital; and

(d) how much have they contributed to revenue during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) A Statement showing assets in 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 of 746 companies registered under Section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the top industrial houses ranked according to their assets in 1989-90 (Accounting year ending in April, 1989—March, 1990) is annexed (Annexure-I). The percentage growth rates of these industrial houses are also shown in Annexure-I.

(b) During the last three yaers, no case of mismanagement by any company belonging to the top twenty industrial houses referred in part (a) of the Question has been found by the Company Law Board.

So far as manipulation of markets is concerned, no order has been passed by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission on the Enquiries on restrictive trade practices under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 in respect of companies belonging to the top 20 industrial houses referred in part (a) of the question during the last three years.

No centralised information for all the decisions of judicial/quasi-judicial bodies is available.

(c) A Statement showing the Paid Up Capital, Total Income and Profit Before Tax in 1989-90 of companies registered under section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the top 20 industrial houses referred in part (a) of the Question is annexed (Annexure-II).

(d) Information had been sought from the Ministry of Finance. They have stated as under:

'Statistics regarding Corporation Tax and Income-Tax are not centrally maintained by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Industrial-house-wise. Therefore, information regarding taxes paid by individual companies belonging to the Industrial houses will have to be collected from the Income-tax Officers spread all over the country. Since the number of companies belonging to the top 20 Industrial houses is very large, the time and effort involved in collecting the information from field formations will be stupendous and will not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.'